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SUBJECT: CSCE: SCHMIDT VISIT TO U.S.

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1. FRG CSCE DELEGATION CHIEF (BLECH) TOLD AMBASSADOR SHERER THAT HIS GOVERNMENT PLANS TO RAISE FOLLOWING CSCE TOPICS IN WASHINGTON: PEACEFUL CHANGE OF FRONTIERS; THE ISSUE OF EQUAL VALUE OF PRINCIPLES; CSCA FOLLOW-UP (SEE GENEVA 7013 FOR LATEST INDICATION OF BONN THINKING ON THIS ISSUE); AND "GENERAL REVIEW" OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING TIMING CONSIDERATIONS. BLECH CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY THE SCHMIDT PARTY.

2. BLECH ALSO PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS ON BONN'S POSITION ON PEACEFUL CHANGE OF FRONTIERS LANGUAGE. FRG'S FIRST PREFERENCE, HE SAID, WOULD BE TO PUT THE APRIL 5 TEXT INTO THE THIRD PRINCIPLE ON FRONTIER INVIOABILITY.

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(BLECH SAID BONN REALIZES THIS WILL BE NONNEGOTIABLE

WITH THE SOVIET UNION.) FRG'S SECOND PREFERENCE WILL BE TO PLACE THE JULY 26 LANGUAGE (SO-CALLED US FORMULA) IN THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, PROVIDED THE SOVIETS ALSO AGREE TO LANGUAGE IN THE FINAL CLAUSES OF THE DECLARATION ASSERTING THE EQUAL VALUE OF ALL THE PRINCIPLES.

3. BLECH ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT INSIST ON WORDS "EQUAL VALUE," BUT COULD SETTLE FOR SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 18 OF HELSINKI BLUE BOOK, WHICH SPEAKS OF "THE DETERMINATION OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES TO RESPECT AND APPLY THE PRINCIPLES EQUALLY AND UNRESERVEDLY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS" -- PROVIDED THE SOVIETS, FOR THEIR PART, COULD AGREE TO LANGUAGE ON THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE PRINCIPLES SIMILAR TO THAT INCLUDED IN THE FINAL CLAUSES OF THE FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION. FRENCH DRAFT HAS IT THAT EACH OF THE PRINCIPLES "MUST BE INTERPRETED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OTHERS." SOVIETS HAVE ALREADY STATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THIS FORMULA, BUT GERMANS HOPE THAT THEY WILL AGREE TO ALTERNATIVE WORDING EXPRESSING THE SAME IDEA.

4. IF THE PEACEFUL CHANGE LANGUAGE IS PLACED IN THE FIRST PRINCIPLE ON SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, THEN THE CONCEPTS OF EQUAL VALUE AND INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE PRINCIPLES ARE NECESSARY IN THE GARMAN VIEW TO PROVIDE A LINK WITH THE TERRITORIAL PRINCIPLES. WITHOUT THIS LINKAGE, BLECH ARGUED, THE FRONTIER INVIOABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY PRINCIPLES COULD BE INTERPRETED AS SEVERELY LIMITING THE SCOPE OF THE PEACEFUL CHANGE FORMULATION. COMMENT: WE FIND THIS ARGUMENTATION TOO FINELY DRAWN TO BE CONVINCING. HOWEVER, THE FRG APPARENTLY ATTACHES MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE MATTER. PRESUMABLY, THE SCHMIDT GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING OVER ITS SHOULDER AT THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION. END COMMENT.

5. OTHERWISE, REF B CONTINUES TO REFLECT OUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF FRG POSITIONS ON CSCE ISSUES. DALE
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